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1. From conversations held on 20 April 1947 with two high-ranking Red Army officers, it was learned that the food situation for Russian troops in Austria was so bad as to be termed critical. The USSR supplies the occupation troops only with uniforms, weapons, equipment, tobacco, and office supplies. The Central Group of Forces has to arrange for food in any way it can. In autumn 1946, most of the food was brought in from the Russian Zone of Germany and from Hungary.
2. A Russian soldier stationed in Allentsteig, Austria, in March 1947 happened to mention in the presence of other soldiers that the American troops are better fed than the Russians. His comments were reported to troop security authorities and he was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment.

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